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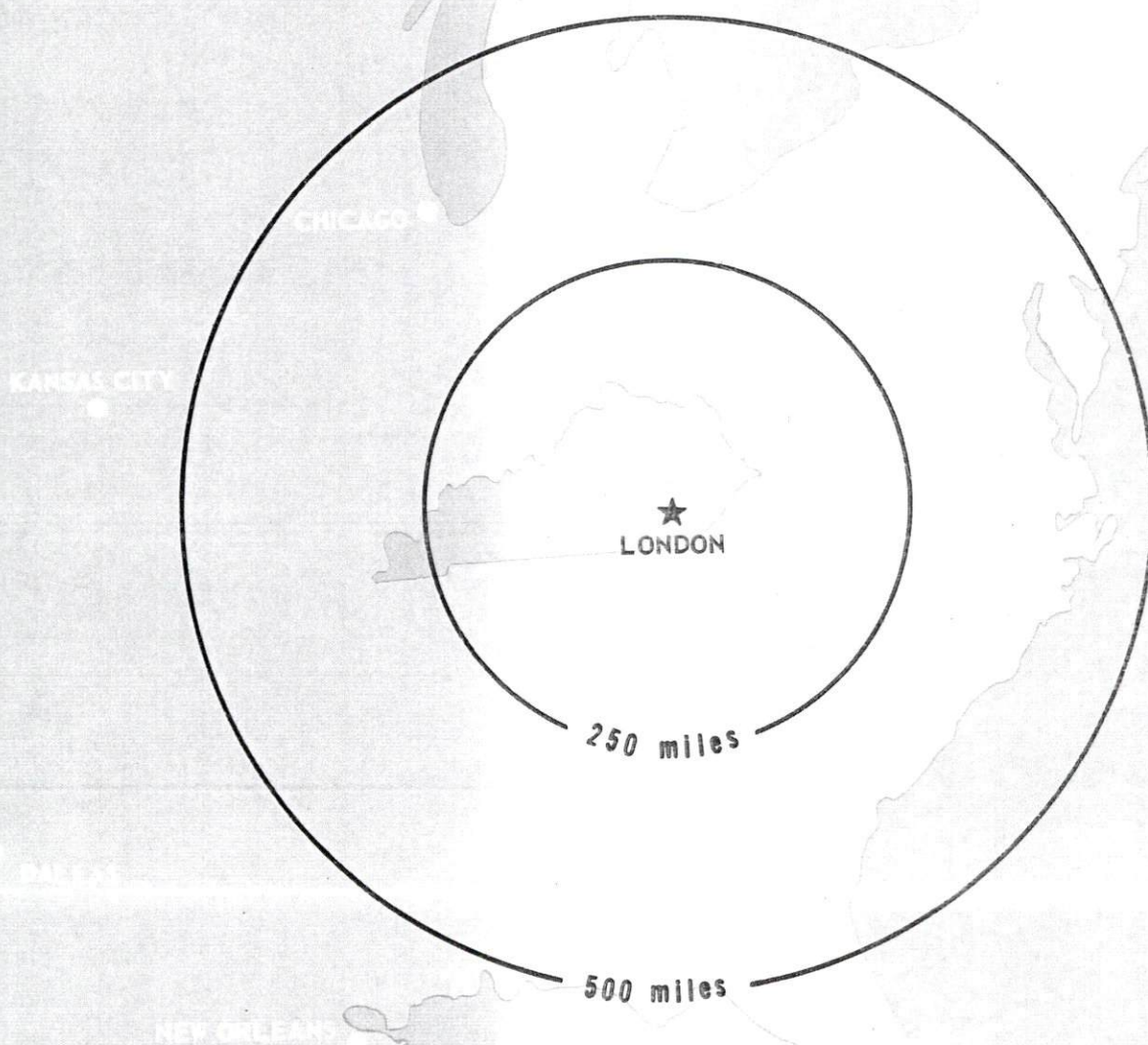
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# INDUSTRIAL RESOURCES

## ***LONDON, KENTUCKY***



LONDON INDUSTRIAL SITES

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For additional information concerning the following available sites, contact Mr. Woodrow McIntosh, Kentucky Utilities Company, London, Kentucky, or the Kentucky Department of Commerce, Frankfort, Kentucky.

SITE #1: ACREAGE: 40 acres

LOCATION: North city limits

HIGHWAY ACCESS: A paved access road borders southwestern edge of site and crosses through the southeastern part of site.

RAILROADS: Louisville & Nashville Railroad 500 feet from site

WATER: London Utilities Commission; 8-inch line on site

GAS: London Gas Company; 3-inch main 4,500 feet from site

ELECTRICITY: Kentucky Utilities Company

SEWERAGE: London Utilities Commission; 10-inch line 200 feet from site

OWNERSHIP: City of London

SITE #2: ACREAGE: 75 acres

LOCATION: One-fourth mile southeast of city limits

HIGHWAY ACCESS: Paved road to Kentucky Highway 229;  
(Daniel Boone Parkway will cross the property.)

RAILROADS: Louisville & Nashville Railroad on site

WATER: London Utilities Commission; 6-inch line one-fourth mile from site

GAS: London Gas Company; 6-inch main 2,500 feet from site

ELECTRICITY: Kentucky Utilities Company

SEWERAGE: London Utilities Commission; 6-inch line one-fourth mile from site

OPTIONED BY: London-Laurel County Development Association

SITE #3: ACREAGE: 32 acres

LOCATION: 1 1/4 miles south-southeast of city limits

HIGHWAY ACCESS: Fronts on Kentucky 229

RAILROADS: Louisville & Nashville Railroad borders on southeastern side of site.

WATER: London Utilities Commission; 6-inch line 1,500 feet from site

GAS: London Gas Company; 6-inch main 1,500 feet from site

ELECTRICITY: Kentucky Utilities Company

SEWERAGE: London Utilities Commission; sewerage plant 1,500 feet from site

OWNERSHIP: Private

SITE #4: ACREAGE: 54 acres

LOCATION: 2 miles south of city limits

HIGHWAY ACCESS: Fronts on Kentucky 1006 and U.S. 25

RAILROADS: Not rail served

WATER: London Utilities Commission; 6-inch line 2,000 feet from site

GAS: London Gas Company; 4-inch main 200 feet from site

ELECTRICITY: Kentucky Utilities Company

SEWERAGE: London Utilities Commission; 10-inch line 2,000 feet from site

OWNERSHIP: London-Laurel County Development Association

SITE #5: ACREAGE: 15 acres

LOCATION: 1 mile south of city limits

HIGHWAY ACCESS: Fronts on U.S. 25

RAILROADS: Louisville & Nashville Railroad 800 feet east of site

WATER: London Utilities Commission; 6-inch line 500 feet from site

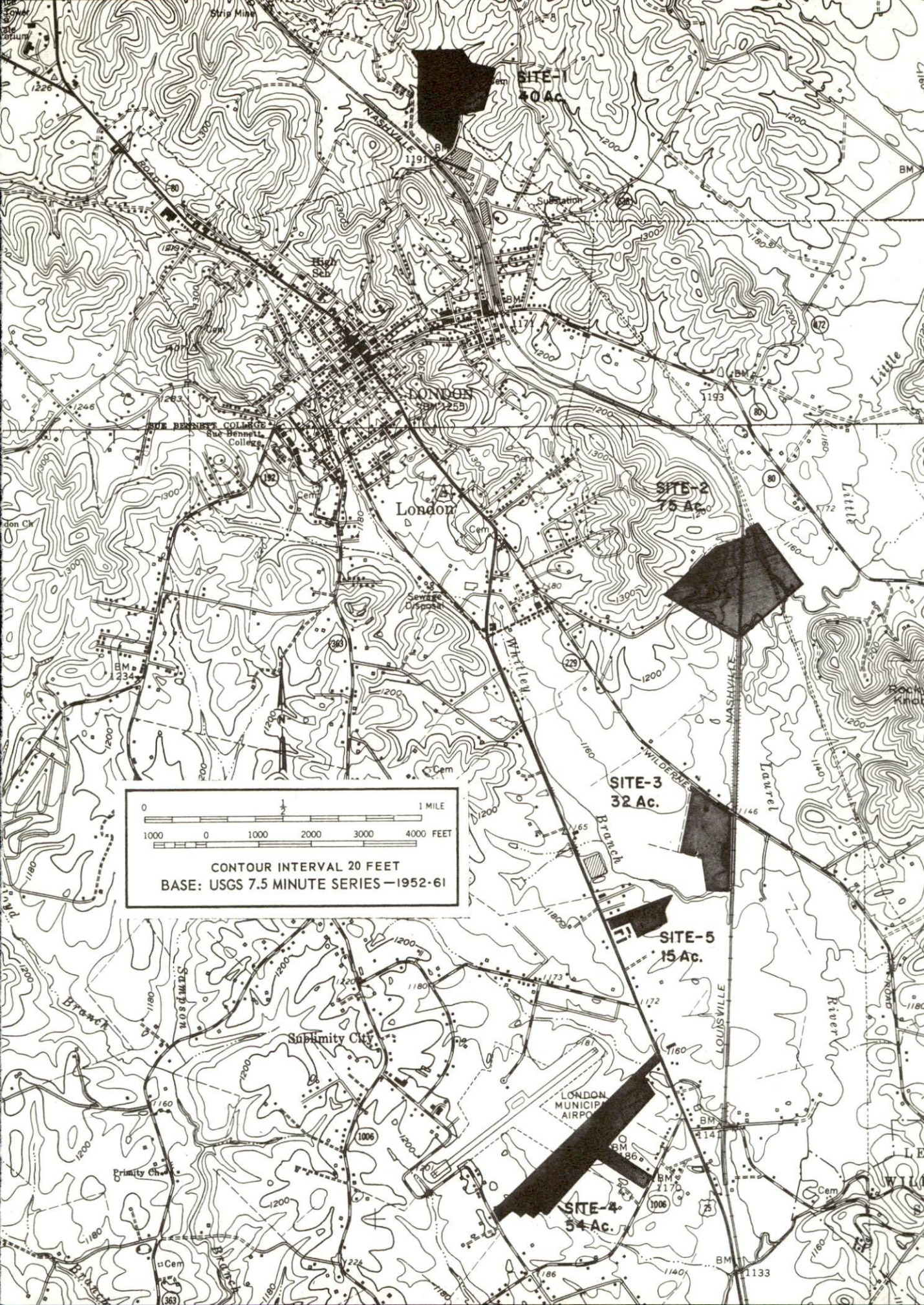
GAS: London Gas Company; 4-inch main 300 feet from site

ELECTRICITY: Kentucky Utilities Company

SEWERAGE: London Utilities Commission; 10-inch line 2,000 feet from site

OWNERSHIP: City of London







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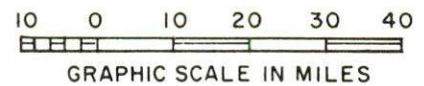
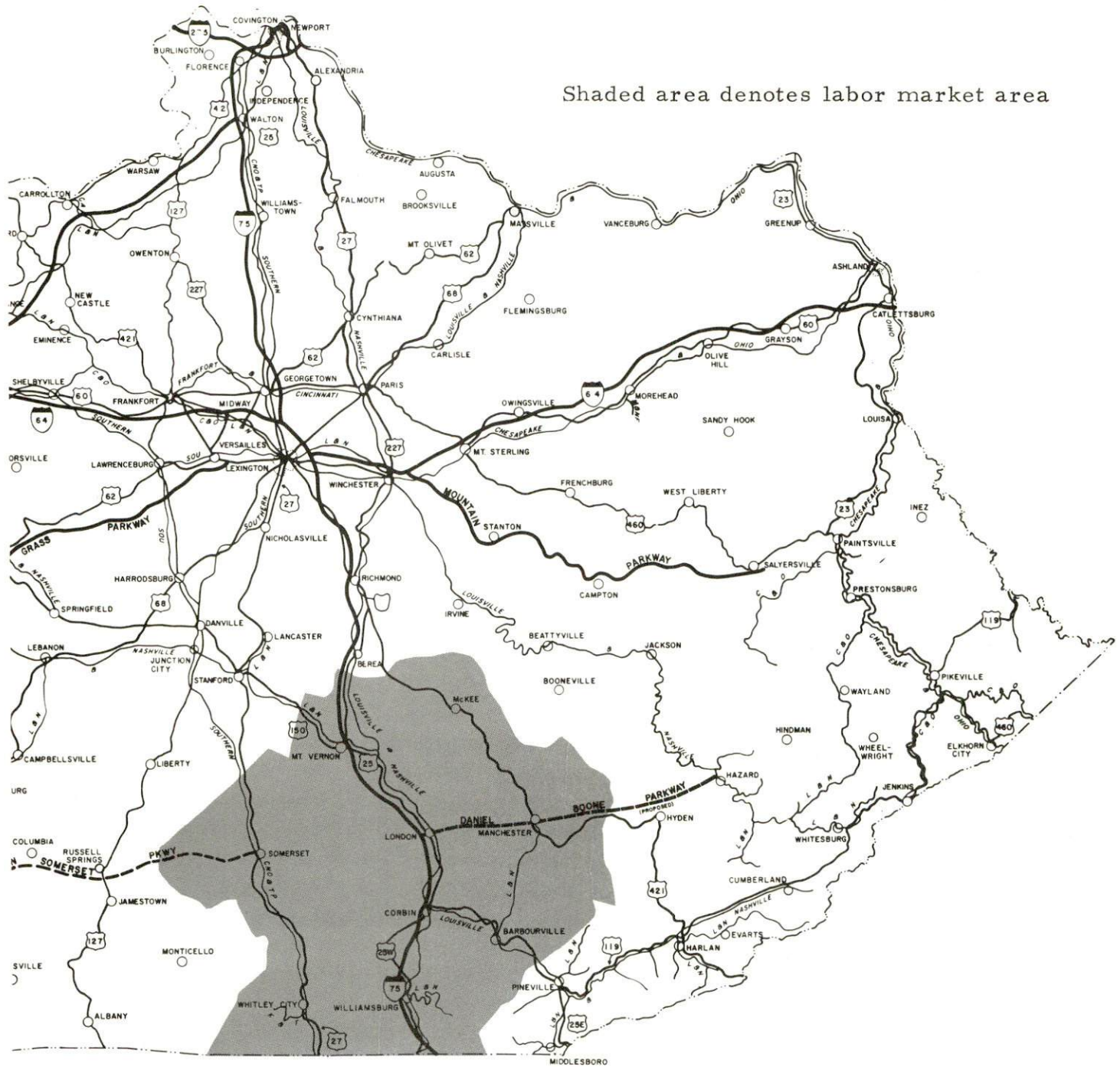
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# LONDON LABOR MARKET AREA



## LONDON, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

### Location

London, located in the Eastern Mountain Region of southeastern Kentucky, is 71 miles south of Lexington, 151 miles southeast of Louisville, 103 miles north of Knoxville, Tennessee, and 151 miles south of Cincinnati, Ohio.

London, the county seat of Laurel County, had a 1970 population of 4,337. The 1970 Laurel County population was 27,386.

### The Economic Framework

Total employment in Laurel County averaged 6,200 in 1969 with manufacturing providing 1,100 jobs, trade and services 1,624 jobs, and government 1,000 jobs. Since 1960 manufacturing employment has increased by more than 800 new jobs. Major industrial products are yarn, bakery products, and lingerie.

Per capita personal income in the county in 1969 was \$1,600. Between 1959 and 1969, per capita personal income in the county increased approximately 85 percent.

The Laurel County labor market area includes Laurel County and the seven adjoining counties. In 1969, employment in the labor market area totaled 39,200 with manufacturing providing 5,980 jobs, trade and services 8,715 jobs and government 7,000 jobs. Industrial employment in this area has increased approximately 184 percent since 1960, with the sharpest gains in the apparel and textile industries, lumber and furniture industries, machinery and metal products industries, and printing, publishing and paper industries.

Despite industrial gains in recent years, this area still has a deficit of 9,833 manufacturing jobs when measured against the national industrial employment-population ratio. This indicates an area where potential for additional manufacturing production is excellent.

### Resources for Growth

1. There is a current estimated labor supply of 8,705 men and 10,205 women available for industrial jobs in Laurel County. In addition 11,145 young men and 10,430 young women in this area will become 18 years of age by 1977 and potentially available for employment.



2. The Louisville & Nashville Railroad serves London and Laurel County. Major highway access is by U. S. Highway 25 and Kentucky Routes 80, 229, and 472. Interstate 75, running north-south, is only 2 miles from the heart of London. The Daniel Boone Parkway running east-west through London is under construction. Commercial air service is available at the London-Corbin War Memorial Airport, only 3 miles south-southeast of London.

3. Electric power is available in large quantity from the Kentucky Utilities Company and the Jackson County RECC. The London Gas Company is supplied by the Wiser Oil Company. The raw water supply is adequate for continued growth.

4. Industrial sites - there are five industrial sites available in Laurel County.

5. Education is an important part of Laurel County's future development. One consolidated school system operates in Laurel County and educational television is being made available. Sue Bennett College is located in London, and there are three senior colleges and one community college within a 50-mile radius.

The Corbin Vocational Extension Center is only 12 miles distant and offers five different courses. The Laurel County Extension Center will open in September of 1971 and some of the courses to be offered are in Auto Mechanics, Electricity, Drafting, and Business and Office Practices. The Somerset Area Vocational School is 35 miles distant and offers eleven different courses.

#### Community Programs for Improvement

Recent community improvements - Wood Creek Water District has been completed and an expansion is presently being planned; East Laurel Rural Water District has been completed; the regional library has been expanded and remodeled; a new general hospital has been completed; a new county senior high school and gymnasium was completed in September 1970 and the AAU Basketball tournament was held there in March 1971; a new headquarters and training center for the Civil Air Patrol has been completed; a new gymnasium at Sue Bennett College has been completed; United Parcel Service's new terminal building has been completed.

Community improvements underway - West Laurel Rural Water District is under construction; a new Laurel County Vocational Extension Center is under construction; the London-Corbin Airport is in the process of establishing an instrument landing system; Griffin Pie Company is in the process of reestablishing itself, with the help of the London-Laurel County Development Association, by purchasing a warehouse building.



## Recreation, Entertainment and Livability

Levi Jackson Wilderness Road State Park, 3 miles distant, is an 815-acre park. The activities include: riding, hiking, shuffleboard, picnicking, and archery.

Cumberland Falls State Resort Park, 35 miles distant, is located in the Daniel Boone National Forest and contains 1,720 acres. The accommodations include air conditioned lodge, cottages, and campsites. The recreational facilities and activities include an Olympic-size swimming pool, fishing, horseback riding, hiking, and picnicking. Cumberland Falls State Resort Park is famous for its falls, called the "Niagara of the South." The rushing Cumberland River thunders 68 feet over a rock precipice into a boulder-studded gorge with a mighty roar. The falls are 150 feet wide. One of only two moonbows in the world is visible here during the phase of the full moon. The other moonbow is over Victoria Falls in South Africa.

Pine Mountain State Resort Park, 50 miles distant, is a 2,500-acre park. Facilities include a 20-room lodge, lodge pool, cottages and camp grounds. Recreational activities include: swimming, riding, hiking, shuffleboard, and golfing.

General Burnside Island State Park, 42 miles distant, is a 400-acre park with camping facilities, playground, bathhouse, beach and dock. The recreational activities include swimming, fishing, golfing, and picnicking.

Dr. Thomas Walker State Shrine, 30 miles distant, is a 12-acre park with playground and picnic shelter.

Kentucky Ridge State Forest, 45 miles distant, has 11,987 acres and is the second largest state forest. It is open for hiking, camping, and picnicking.

Daniel Boone National Forest is 5 miles distant. The forest covers over one-half million acres of timberland in eastern Kentucky. It encompasses much of Kentucky's greatest beauty and provides a vacation paradise. There are scenic hiking trails, rivers, and creeks stocked with rainbow trout; special hunting preserves; and many hiking, camping, and fishing facilities. The highest point in the forest is in southern Whitley County at Wolf Knob - 2,245 feet.

# THE LABOR MARKET

## POPULATION TRENDS <sup>1/</sup>

Area	Population			Percent Change	
	1970	1960	1950	1960-70	1950-60
London	4,337	4,035	3,426	+ 7.5	+17.8
Labor Market Area	163,793	166,599	193,400	- 1.7	-13.9
Laurel County	27,386	24,901	25,797	+10.0	- 3.5
Clay County	18,481	20,748	23,116	-10.9	-10.2
Jackson County	10,005	10,677	13,101	- 6.3	-18.5
Knox County	23,689	25,258	30,409	- 6.2	-20.1
McCreary County	12,548	12,463	16,660	+ 0.7	-25.2
Pulaski County	35,234	34,403	38,452	+ 2.4	-10.5
Rockcastle County	12,305	12,334	13,925	- 0.2	-11.4
Whitley County	24,145	25,815	31,940	- 6.5	-19.2

## GENERAL EMPLOYMENT CHARACTERISTICS, 1969 <sup>2/</sup>

Major Employment Group	Employment	
	Laurel County	Labor Market Area
TOTAL	6,200	39,200
Agricultural	1,300	7,100
Nonagricultural	4,900	32,100
Manufacturing	1,100	5,978
Trade and Services	1,624	8,715
Government	1,000	7,000

## MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT TRENDS BY INDUSTRY SEPTEMBER 1970 AND 1960 <sup>3/</sup>

Industry	Laurel County			Labor Market Area		
	1970	1960	% Change	1970	1960	% Change
TOTAL	964	143	+ 574.1	6,383	2,249	+ 183.8
Food & kindred products	350	96	+ 264.6	657	400	+ 64.3
Apparel, textiles, leather	418	0	--	1,787	669	+ 167.1
Lumber & furniture	143	40	+ 257.5	2,058	839	+ 145.3
Printing, publishing, paper	15	5	+ 200.0	529	90	+ 487.8
Chemicals, petroleum, coal, rubber	25	2	+1150.0	278	90	+ 208.9
Stone, clay & glass	12	0	--	411	128	+ 221.1
Machinery & metal products	1	0	--	594	26	+2184.6
Others	0	0	--	69	7	+ 885.7

MAJOR LONDON MANUFACTURING FIRMS,  
THEIR PRODUCTS AND EMPLOYMENT <sup>4/</sup>

<u>Firm</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>Employment</u>		
		<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Avalon Cheese Company	Cheese, dried whey	26	24	2
Binder Bros. Lumber Co., Inc.	Lumber	42	40	2
Caron Spinning Co.	Synthetic yarn and tops, worsted yarn	320		
Chaney Lumber Co.	Custom kiln drying, laminated timber, millwork	50	48	2
Chappells Dairy	Fluid milk, ice cream mix	32	30	2
Cumberland Forest Products Co., Inc.	Veneer, plywood and wood chips	25	24	1
Kerns Bakery, Inc.	Bakery products	300		
London Church Furniture, Inc.	Church furniture	26	25	1
London Diesel Service	Machine shop	28	28	0
Warner Slimwear Lingerie	Slimwear lingerie	118	4	114

WAGE RATES FOR SELECTED OCCUPATIONS  
LONDON, KENTUCKY <sup>5/</sup>

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Wages Per Hour</u>		
	<u>Starting</u>	<u>Maximum</u>	<u>Prevailing</u>
<u>Production Employees</u>			
Assembler	\$1.60	\$2.15	\$1.85
Inspector	1.60	2.00	1.80
Production Laborer	1.60	2.00	1.80
<u>Service Employees</u>			
Electrician (Class-A)	\$3.00	\$5.25	\$4.00
Laborer	1.60	2.50	1.75
Mechanic, Maintenance	2.25	3.85	3.00
Truck Driver, Industrial (Class-A)	1.60	4.20	2.25
<u>Office Employees</u>			
Bookkeeper	\$1.75	\$3.00	\$2.25
File Clerk	1.60	2.00	1.75
Receptionist	1.60	2.00	1.75
Secretary	1.70	3.00	2.00
Typist	1.60	2.00	1.85



## LABOR ORGANIZATIONS

There are no unions representing manufacturing workers in London at this time.

### CURRENT AND FUTURE LABOR SUPPLY - LONDON LABOR MARKET AREA

<u>Area</u>	<u>Current Labor Supply, 1971 <sup>6/</sup></u>			<u>Future Labor Supply by 1977 <sup>7/</sup></u> <u>(Becoming 18 Years of Age)</u>		
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Labor Market Area	18,911	8,707	10,204	21,572	11,144	10,428
Laurel	2,898	1,201	1,697	3,523	1,784	1,739
Clay	2,317	923	1,394	2,748	1,413	1,335
Jackson	1,666	743	923	1,369	701	668
Knox	2,600	1,111	1,489	3,021	1,455	1,566
McCreary	1,731	742	989	1,892	1,029	863
Pulaski	3,309	1,692	1,617	4,296	2,225	2,071
Rockcastle	2,090	1,294	796	1,638	853	785
Whitley	2,300	1,001	1,299	3,085	1,684	1,401

### TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME <sup>8/</sup>

<u>Area</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>1959</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Laurel County	\$ 41,637,000	\$ 20,534,000	+102.8
Labor Market Area	249,971,000	114,344,000	+118.6
Kentucky	9,202,000,000	4,655,000,000	+ 97.7

### PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME <sup>9/</sup>

<u>Area</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>1959</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Laurel County	\$1,600	\$ 868	+84.3
Labor Market Area	\$890 to 2,180	\$425 to 953	N. A.
Kentucky	2,847	1,552	+83.4

## EDUCATION

### Public Schools

	<u>Laurel County</u>
Total Enrollment	6,623
Elementary	3,626
Junior High	1,765
High School	1,232
Student-Teacher Ratio	26 to 1
Elementary	25 to 1
Junior High	29 to 1
High School	26 to 1
State Rating of High School	Standard
Percent High School Graduates to College	44.8
Current Expenditures Per Pupil	\$356.58
Bonded Indebtedness, June 30, 1970	\$3,245,000

### Parochial Schools

Total Enrollment	38
Elementary	38
Student-Teacher Ratio	13 to 1
Elementary	13 to 1

## Vocational Schools

	<u>Nearest Area School</u>	<u>Nearest Extension Center</u>
	Somerset Area Vocational School	Corbin Extension Center
Location	Somerset, Kentucky	Corbin, Kentucky
Miles Distant	35	12
Curriculum	Data Processing General Clerical Secretarial-Steno Health Careers Distributive Education Electronics (Technology) Appliance Repair Auto Mechanics Drafting Machine Shop Printing	Appliance Repair Auto Mechanics Drafting Electricity Welding

## Colleges and Universities

<u>Name</u>	<u>Area - Within 50 Miles</u>		<u>Highest Degree Conferred</u>
	<u>Location</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	
Sue Bennett College	London	196	Associate
Somerset Community College	Somerset	667	Associate
Berea College	Berea	1,400	Baccalaureate
Union College	Barbourville	926	Masters
Cumberland College	Williamsburg	1,858	Baccalaureate



## TRANSPORTATION

### Rail

Line serving London - Louisville & Nashville Railroad

Services - Freight, siding, switching, REA Express

### RAILWAY TRANSIT TIME FROM LONDON, KENTUCKY, TO: 10/

No. of Days		No. of Days	
City	CL	City	CL
Atlanta, Ga.	3	Los Angeles, Calif.	6
Birmingham, Ala.	4	Louisville, Ky.	2
Chicago, Ill.	4	Nashville, Tenn.	3
Cincinnati, Ohio	2	New Orleans, La.	4
Cleveland, Ohio	3	New York, N. Y.	5
Detroit, Mich.	4	Pittsburgh, Pa.	4
Knoxville, Tenn.	2	St. Louis, Mo.	4

### Truck Service

<u>Company</u>	<u>Home Office</u>
Dance Freight Lines, Inc. (Consolidated)	Lexington, Kentucky
Detherage Freight Lines	Somerset, Kentucky
Dixie Ohio Express, Inc.	Akron, Ohio
The Mason & Dixon Lines, Inc.	Kingsport, Tennessee
McDuffee Motor Freight, Inc. (Ellis Trucking)	Lebanon, Kentucky
McLean Trucking Company	Winston-Salem, North Carolina
O.K. Trucking Company	Cincinnati, Ohio
Smith's Transfer Corporation of Virginia	Staunton, Virginia
United Parcel Service	Louisville, Kentucky

HIGHWAY MILES AND TRUCK TRANSIT TIME IN DAYS FROM  
LONDON, KENTUCKY, TO SELECTED MARKET CENTERS

City	Highway Miles	Delivery Time <u>11/</u>		City	Highway Miles	Delivery Time	
		LTL	TL			LTL	TL
Atlanta, Ga.	297	2	1	Los Angeles, Calif.	2,258	6	4
Birmingham, Ala.	360	2	1	Louisville, Ky.	151	2	1
Chicago, Ill.	444	3	2	Nashville, Tenn.	288	2	1
Cincinnati, Ohio	151	2	1	New Orleans, La.	711	3	2
Cleveland, Ohio	399	2	1	New York, N.Y.	834	3	2
Detroit, Mich.	420	3	2	Pittsburgh, Pa.	472	3	2
Knoxville, Tenn.	103	2	1	St. Louis, Mo.	415	3	2

Air

Local

Location: London-Corbin War Memorial Airport  
 Runways: London, Kentucky  
 Length: 1 paved  
 Length: 6,000 feet  
 Traffic  
 Control: Wind sock  
 Lighting: Beacon, runway and obstruction lights  
 Services: 80 and 100 octane, JP-A-50, Piedmont Airlines,  
 taxi, U-Drive-It, Weather Bureau, flight training,  
 charter and ambulance service, vending machines

Bus

Southern Greyhound Bus Lines, Trailway Bus Lines

Taxi

Three taxi companies, 24-hour service

Rental Services

Car rentals available at London-Corbin War Memorial Airport

## POWER AND FUEL

### Electricity

Company serving London - Kentucky Utilities Company

Source of power - Kentucky Utilities Company

Total generating capacity - 773,000 KW

Industrial rates furnished by - Kentucky Utilities Company, Industrial  
Development Division, Lexington, Kentucky

Company serving Laurel County - Jackson County RECC

Source of power - East Kentucky Power Cooperative

Total generating capacity - 515,000 KW

Industrial rates furnished by - Jackson County RECC, McKee, Kentucky

### Natural Gas

Company serving London - London Gas Company, Inc.

Source of supply - Wiser Oil Company

Size of transmission lines - 6-inch

Distribution lines - 2, 3, 4, and 6 inches

Btu content - 1,100; Specific gravity - .65

Distribution pressure - 20 psi

#### Rates:

First	1,000 cu. ft.	\$2.50
Next	3,000 cu. ft.	1.20 per 1,000 cu. ft.
Next	10,000 cu. ft.	1.05 per 1,000 cu. ft.
Next	26,000 cu. ft.	.98 per 1,000 cu. ft.
Next	160,000 cu. ft.	.90 per 1,000 cu. ft.
All over	200,000 cu. ft.	.80 per 1,000 cu. ft.



## WATER AND SEWERAGE

### Water

Company serving London - London Utility Commission

Source - Spring-fed streams

Treatment plant capacity - 1,500,000 gpd

Average daily consumption - 525,000 gallons

Peak daily consumption - 1,000,000 gallons

Type treatment - Chlorine, alum, lime, fluoride, sand-filtered

Storage capacity - 940,000 gallons

Average pressure - 62 psi

Average temperature - 55° F.

Size mains - 4, 6, 8, and 12 inches

### MINIMUM WATER RATES

5/8-inch	\$ 3.50
3/4-inch	4.90
1 -inch	7.70
1 1/4-inch	14.00
1 1/2-inch	14.00
2 -inch	23.10
3 -inch	45.50
4 -inch	70.00
6 -inch	138.60

First	2,000 gallons	Minimum as above
Next	4,000 gallons	84¢ per 1,000 gallons
Next	14,000 gallons	70¢ per 1,000 gallons
Next	80,000 gallons	56¢ per 1,000 gallons
Next	100,000 gallons	42¢ per 1,000 gallons
Next	800,000 gallons	35¢ per 1,000 gallons
Over	1,000,000 gallons	28¢ per 1,000 gallons

Name of water district - Wood Creek Water District

Date when water district began operating - June 1970

Source of raw water - Lake (stream-fed)

Capacity of treatment plant - 750,000 gpd

Type of treatment - Chlorine, alum, lime, filtered

Average amount of water used in a 24-hour period - 110,000 gallons

Peak amount of water used in a 24-hour period - 133,000 gallons

Water district storage facilities and capacities - Ground level storage tank - 250,000 gallons; clear well - 120,000 gallons

Average temperature - 52° F.

Size mains - 10, 8, and 6 inches

Rates:

First	2,000 gallons	\$5.50 Minimum bill
Next	1,500 gallons	.90 per 1,000 gallons
Next	1,500 gallons	.80 per 1,000 gallons
Next	2,500 gallons	.70 per 1,000 gallons
All over	7,500 gallons	.60 per 1,000 gallons

Name of water district - East Laurel Water District

Date when water district began operating - March 1970

Source of supply of treated water - Laurel #2 Water District

Average amount of water used in a 24-hour period - 20,700 gallons

Peak amount of water used in a 24-hour period - 22,000 gallons

Water district storage facilities and capacities - Two ground level tanks - 200,000 gallons

Average pressure - 32 psi

Average temperature - 52° F.

Size mains - 4 and 6 inches

Rates:

First	2,000 gallons	\$5.50 Minimum bill
Next	1,500 gallons	1.98
Next	1,500 gallons	1.60
All over	5,000 gallons	.90 per 1,000 gallons

Name of water district - Laurel #2 Water District

Date when water district began operating - 1963

Source of raw water - Lake (stream-fed)

Capacity of treatment plant - 720,000 gpd

Type of treatment - Chlorine, alum, lime, filtered

Average amount of water used in a 24-hour period - 200,000 gallons

Peak amount of water used in a 24-hour period - 233,000 gallons

Average pressure - 30 psi

Average temperature - 52° F.

Size mains - 8, 6, and 4 inches

Rates:

First	1,000 gallons	\$5.50 Minimum bill
Next	1,000 gallons	2.25 per 1,000 gallons
Next	1,000 gallons	2.00 per 1,000 gallons
Next	2,000 gallons	1.80 per 1,000 gallons
Next	5,000 to 10,000 gallons	1.50 per 1,000 gallons
All over	10,000 gallons	1.00 per 1,000 gallons

Surface water sources - Cumberland River, Rockcastle River  
Average discharge - Rockcastle River at Billows, 875 cfs (33-year record, USGS)  
Expected ground water yield - 50 to 200 gpm in southeastern half of county; 5 to 50 gpm in a band running northeastern-southwestern direction; 5 gpm or less in northwestern portion of county

#### Sewerage

Company serving London - London Utility Commission  
Design capacity - 1,500,000 gpd  
Average daily flow - 450,000 gallons  
Treatment - Primary and secondary  
Type treatment - Clarifier and drying beds  
Treated effluent discharged into - Whitley Branch  
Size of sanitary mains - 15, 10, 8, 6, and 4 inches  
Rates - 50 percent of monthly water bill



## LOCAL GOVERNMENT

### City

Structure - Mayor - 4-year term; 6 councilmen - 2-year terms

Budget 1970 - General Fund \$227,958.62; Water and Sewer Fund \$277,310.59

Fees and licenses - Privilege license varies from \$5 to \$200 per year; vehicle license - \$10 per year

### County

Structure - County Judge - 4-year term; 6 magistrates - 4-year terms

Budget 1970-71 - General Fund \$161,000; Road Fund \$36,400

### Assessed Value of Property, 1970

<u>Classes of Property*</u>	<u>London</u>	<u>Laurel County</u>
Real Estate	\$15,521,253	\$93,149,790
Tangibles	6,444,564	25,391,173
Public Service		14,935,688 (1969)

### Local General Property Tax Rates Per \$100 of Assessed Valuation, 1970 <sup>12/</sup>

<u>Taxing Unit**</u>	<u>London</u>	<u>Laurel County</u>
State	\$ .015	\$ .015
County	.195	.195
School	.458	.345
City	.290	
Total	\$ .958	\$ .555

### Planning and Zoning

Agency - London-Laurel County Planning Commission

Plans completed - Base Studies, Subdivision Regulations, Zoning Ordinance, Neighborhood Analysis

Codes adopted - Building, Housing, Plumbing, Electric, Fire and Gas Codes

\*Property assessed at 100 percent of fair value.

\*\*Manufacturing machinery, raw materials inventories and goods in process inventories are not subject to local tax. State rate is only \$.15 per \$100.

## Safety

<u>Police</u>	<u>London</u>	<u>Laurel County</u>
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Total staff	7	4
Radio-patrol cars	2	2
Other equipment	Motorcycle	

<u>Fire</u>	<u>London</u>	<u>East Bernstadt</u>	<u>Lily</u>	<u>Laurel County</u>
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American Insurance Association Fire Rating	7			
Volunteers	22	14	12	11
Equipment:				
1,000 gpm pumper	1			
750 gpm pumper	1	1	1	1
600 gpm pumper				1

## Rescue Service

### London Rescue Squad

Number of volunteers - 12

Equipment - 2 vans, 2 station wagons used also by fire department

Personnel training - drills, fire school, first aid, Civil Defense

## Sanitation

	<u>London</u>	<u>Laurel County</u>
Type service	municipal	private
Cost:		
residential	\$2 per month	\$2.50 per month
business	\$10 per month	\$2.50 per month
Collection frequency:		
residential	weekly	weekly
business	daily	weekly
Trash pickup	daily	weekly
Disposal method	land fill	land fill

## HEALTH

### Hospitals

<u>General Hospital</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Marymount Hospital	London, Kentucky	51

General hospital facilities and services - 2 operating rooms, nursery, X-ray equipment, laboratory, delivery room, orthopedic room, emergency room, outpatient clinic, pharmacy, recovery room, pediatrics, physical therapy

Medical staff - 6 general practitioners, 2 surgeons, 7 registered nurses (full-time), 1 registered nurse (part-time), 15 licensed practical nurses, radiologist (part-time), pathologist

### Nursing Homes

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Extended care homes	1	50
Personal care homes	1	60

### Public Health

Facility - Laurel County Health Department

Staff - One sanitarian, three registered nurses, three auxiliary workers, one clerk-typist, administrator, one health officer (part-time)

Budget 1970-71 - \$49,031



## OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

### Communications

Telephone - Kentucky Telephone Company  
Services - Standard

Telegraph - Western Union

Postal - U. S. Post Office  
Class - First  
Mail received - 5 times daily  
Mail dispatched - 5 times daily

Newspapers - The Sentinel Echo  
Weekly and circulation - 7,500  
Other papers received from - Lexington and Louisville, Kentucky;  
Knoxville, Tennessee

Radio - WFTG AM-FM  
Stations received from - Corbin, Somerset, Manchester, Lexington  
and Louisville, Kentucky; Knoxville, Tennessee

Television -  
Cable service  
Reception from - Lexington, Kentucky; Knoxville, Tennessee  
Kentucky Educational Television - Somerset transmitter, Channel 29

### Library Services

Public library - Laurel County Public Library  
Size collection - 23,262 volumes  
Circulation, 1970 - 55,058 volumes  
Services - Magazines, records, filmstrips, information file, art,  
sports equipment, story hour

Private library - Minerva McDaniel Library (Sue Bennett College)  
Size collection - 27,000 volumes  
Circulation - 10,800 volumes  
Services - Magazines, records, newspapers, photo copying machine

### Religious Institutions

Number of churches - 9  
Denominations - Assembly of God, Catholic, Christian, Methodist,  
Nazarene, Baptist, Penecostal, Presbyterian, Seventh Day Adventist

## Financial Institutions

<u>Banks</u>	<u>Statement as of December 31, 1970</u>	
	<u>Assets</u>	<u>Deposits</u>
First National Bank	\$15,057,890	\$13,709,062
Second National Bank	25,590,767	23,011,385
<u>Savings and Loan Associations</u>		<u>Shared Accounts</u>
Federal Savings and Loan Association	\$ 4,007,722	\$ 3,698,331

## Hotels and Motels

Number - 10  
Units - 251

## Clubs and Organizations

Business and Civic - London-Laurel County Development Association,  
Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions, Jaycees

Fraternal - American Legion, VFW, Masons

Women's - Woman's Club, Junior Woman's Club, DAR, Business and  
Professional Women's Club

Youth - Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, 4-H Club, FFA, FHA,  
Little League baseball and football

## RECREATION

### Local

#### Public Recreation Facilities

Playground - 1  
Swimming pool - 1  
Tennis courts - 4  
Baseball diamonds - 2  
Football fields - 4

#### Private Recreation Facilities

Country club - 1  
Golf course - 1  
Swimming pool - 1  
Movie theaters - 1 indoor, 1 outdoor  
Tennis courts - 2

#### Cultural Events

Cumberland, Union and Sue Bennett Colleges offer a wide variety of cultural events during the year.

### Area (Within 50 miles)

Levi Jackson Wilderness Road State Park  
Cumberland Falls State Resort Park  
Cumberland Falls  
Pine Mountain State Resort Park  
General Burnside Island State Park  
Dr. Thomas Walker State Shrine  
Kentucky Ridge State Forest  
Daniel Boone National Forest



# AGRICULTURE - NATURAL RESOURCES - CLIMATE

## Agriculture 13/

	<u>Laurel County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Total land area (acres)	285,440	2,119,040
Percent of area in farm land	48.5	50.0
Number of farms	2,059	11,268
Average size of farms (acres)	67.2	94.1
1964 value of all farm products	\$5,054,000	\$23,616,107
Value per farm	2,455	2,096
Total crop sales	2,580,817	13,268,928
Total livestock & livestock products	2,472,742	10,339,222
1968 agricultural production included:		
Burley tobacco (lbs.)	4,103,000	20,343,000
Corn (bu.)	289,000	1,819,000
Cattle and calves (number)	18,100	121,800
Hogs and pigs (number)	4,000	31,600
Milk production, 1967 (lbs.)	27,560,000	155,470,000

## Natural Resources

Principal mineral resources	Limestone, coal, petroleum
Other mineral resources	Natural gas, clay, clay shales, sand and gravel
Acres of commercial forest land	187,800 (66 percent of land area)
Most abundant tree species	White oak, yellow pine, red oak, yellow poplar, hickory, hemlock, soft maple

## Climate 14/

	<u>Laurel County</u>
Temperature	
Annual mean (30-year record)	59.6 degrees
Average annual	59.0 degrees
Record highest August, 1968 (10-year record)	99.0 degrees
Record lowest January, 1966 (10-year record)	- 9.0 degrees
Seasonal heating degree-days (30-year record)	3,494
Precipitation	
Mean annual total (30-year record)	45.85 inches
Mean annual snow and sleet (28-year record)	12.9 inches
Total precipitation 1970	43.43 inches
Mean number days precipitation (28-year record) (.01 inch or more)	126
Average number days thunderstorms (28-year record)	47
Prevailing winds (14-year record)	Northeast

## HISTORY

Laurel County is situated in the southeastern part of Kentucky, covering 443 square miles. Its surface is elevated and generally rolling, with some rugged hills and high ridges. A considerable portion of the county's area is covered by the Daniel Boone National Forest. The southwestern edge of the Eastern Kentucky Coal Fields ends here. The Laurel River runs through the southern part of the county and forms a boundary line with Whitley County. The county is named for the beautiful mountain laurel which grows in profusion along the banks of its streams.

Artifacts discovered in the area indicate the presence of prehistoric Indians, and recently Cherokee Indians from North Carolina's reservations have tried to establish claims in the northern part of the county. Daniel Boone's Wilderness Road ran through the area, and Levi Jackson Wilderness Road State Park commemorates the deaths of some early pioneers.

Laurel became Kentucky's eightieth county in 1825. Its first settlement was in London, now the county seat. London was built on land donated by descendants of General Levi Jackson, a Revolutionary War veteran. Its courthouse, since replaced by a modern structure, was built astride the Wilderness Road. Sue Bennett College, a junior institution established by Methodists in 1896, presently has an enrollment of approximately 200.

The earliest recorded population figure for Laurel County was 2,206 for 1830. The county's population grew steadily to a 1950 figure of 25,797. Although there was a decline to 24,901 in 1960, by 1970 the population had climbed to 27,386.

Agriculture in 1969 accounted for 1,300 of the county's 6,200 jobs. Major agricultural products were corn, hay, tobacco, hens, cattle and hogs. Manufacturing jobs were up over 200 percent from 390 in 1959 to 1,187 in 1969. Food products, apparel, printing and paper are the principal industries. Largest of London's numerous industrial plants are: Kerns Bakery Company, Caron Spinning Company, Griffin Pie Company, and Binder Bros. Lumber Company. A major transportation artery, Interstate 75, bisects the county.

Distinguished citizens of Laurel County have included Flem D. Sampson, who was a Kentucky Governor, and Dr. Robert Pennington, who was elected president of the Kentucky Medical Association.

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